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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

RE: Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form

WC Dockets No. 10-90 and 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to sections 54.313(i) and 54.422(c) of the Commission's Rules¹ and the Commission's Public Notice² and Protective Order³ in this proceeding, Rice Belt Telephone Company, Inc. ("the Company") hereby submits two copies of its "FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form," which was timely filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the appropriate state commission on or before October 15, 2013, and which includes a Redacted Confidential Document containing proprietary and confidential financial information that has been obscured.

The Company seeks confidential treatment under the Protective Order for the financial

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¹ 47 CFR §§54.313 and 54.422.

² Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Filing Deadline of October 15, 2013 for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to File High-Cost and Low-Income Annual Reports, PUBLIC NOTICE, WC Dockets No. 10-90 and 11-42, DA 13-1707, released August 6, 2013.

³ In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al., PROTECTIVE ORDER, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., DA 12

information included in its report pursuant to §54.313(f)(2). Confidential treatment of this information is appropriate on the grounds that it is commercially sensitive information that is not normally released to the public. The Company is also submitting a copy of its FCC Form 481 including the Redacted Confidential Document via the Electronic Comment Filing System, as directed by the Public Notice.

Due to temporary closure of the Commission's filing window, mail room, and electronic filing systems beginning October 1, 2013, this filing is being submitted on the business day following the day of return to normal operations in accordance with the Commission's Public Notice on filing procedures in the event of a lapse in funding.⁴ If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard J. Duffy

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⁴ Procedures for Filings in the Event of a Lapse in Funding, PUBLIC NOTICE, released October 1, 2013.

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Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 812-876-2211

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Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier;

Rice Belt Telephone Company's Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Rice Belt Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2). The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery reserve that enable it to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites and has a maintenance program in place.

Critical core production data (billing, customer, and plant) is stored within a hosted application so it is available from any location. All other network data is backed up to tape on a nightly, weekly and monthly basis. Backup tapes are rotated offsite to a fireproof file cabinet. In addition, there is a one-way replication from the production network to the Company's disaster recovery network daily.

Annual Reporting for High-Cost Recipients 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h) Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.

§54.313(a)(6)-ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Ability to Function in Emergency Situations Annual Certification

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Darby A. McCarty Printed Name of Officer	President Title of Officer	Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.
I am authorized to provide th	nis certification on behalf of the Co	Company Name ompany. I hereby certify that the
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Printed/Typed Name	Darby A. McCarty	

FCC Form 481

Line 510 - Description of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer

Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc. maintains compliance with service quality standards through the use of a variety of tools, including:

- 1. daily, weekly, and monthly detailed service quality reports;
- 2. ongoing employee service quality training;
- 3. regular follow-up inspections of service installation and repairs;
- 4. proactive maintenance programs;
- 5. installation of the latest technologies, such as fiber and IP-based equipment;
- 6. extensive network monitoring equipment; and,
- 7. 24/7/365 service repair availability

Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc. maintains compliance with consumer protection rules through the use of a variety of tools, including:

- 1. ongoing employee training on consumer protection rules;
- 2. working with industry experts to identify and incorporate consumer protection best practices into our processes;
- 3. automated systems using the latest security measures to protect sensitive data;
- 4. monitoring of customer service calls with customers; and,
- 5. regular updates to senior management on consumer protection activities

Annual Reporting for High-Cost Recipients 46 C.F.R. §54.313 (a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h) Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.

§54.131(a)(5)-COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES

Service Quality Standar	ds and Consumer Protection	Rules Annual Certification
Darby A. McCarty	President	Rice Belt Telephone Company, Inc.
Printed Name of Office	cer Title of Officer	Company Name
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Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Accountants' Report and Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2011



Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

December 31, 2011

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Independent Accountants' Report on Consolidated Financial Statements

Board of Directors Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Ellettsville, Indiana

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Rice Belt Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc., as of December 31, 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. as of December 31, 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

BKD, LLP

March 27, 2012



Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31, 2011

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash	•
Accounts receivable	\$
Inventory	9
Prepaid and other assets	
Total current assets	
Property and Equipment	
Toward at the same	
Investment in Limited Partnerships	
	\$
iabilities and Stockholder's Equity	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$
Total current liabilities	-
Accounts Payable - Related Party	
Stockholder's Equity	
Common stock, \$10 par value, authorized, issued	
and outstanding 1,000 shares	
Additional paid-in capital	
Retained deficit	7

Total stockholder's equity

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Operations Year Ended December 31, 2011

Operating Revenues

Network access service Local network service Internet service Other

Operating Expenses

Operating Loss

Other Non-Regulated Expense

Net Loss



Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Stockholder's Equity Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Deficit	Total Equity
Balance, January 1, 2011	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net loss				
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$	\$	\$	\$

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2011

Operating Activities	
Net loss	
Items not requiring cash	\$
Depreciation	
Provision for doubtful accounts	
Changes in	
Accounts receivable	
Inventory	
Prepaid and other assets	
Accounts payable	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	
Net cash provided by operating activities	
Investing Activities	
Additions to property and equipment	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	
Net cash used in investing activities	
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Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2011

Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. (the Company), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc., is a privately owned holding company that is headquartered in Ellettsville, Indiana. The Company's service area is primarily in southeastern Arkansas. The Company also manages its investments in the following wholly-owned subsidiaries:

Rice Belt Telephone, Inc. (Telephone) is a regulated telephone exchange carrier which earns revenues predominately from local phone, access, intraLATA toll, directory, DSL and other telephone related services.

Rice Belt Communications, Inc. (Communications) provides broadband services utilizing ethernet technology.

Rice Belt Properties, Inc. (Properties) holds and manages investment and operating real estate.

Rice Belt Cellular, Inc.(Cellular) is an inactive company.

Significant Accounting Policies

The regulated companies follows the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), which conform in all material respects to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The non-regulated companies' significant accounting policies conform, in all material respects, to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Telephone, Communications, Properties and Cellular. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2011

Cash

Effective July 21, 2010, the FDIC's insurance limits were permanently increased to December 31, 2011, the Company's cash accounts did not exceed federally insured limits.

Pursuant to legislation enacted in 2010, the FDIC will fully insure all noninterest-bearing transaction accounts beginning December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2012, at all FDIC-insured institutions.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. If a customer account exceeds 30 days outstanding, a notice of past due status is delivered to the customer. If amount is not paid within 8 days of this notice, service is terminated and the customer can only be reactivated if they pay the outstanding balance plus a service fee. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due upon receipt of an invoice. Accounts that are unpaid after the due date incur a late fee. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the customer.

Inventory Pricing

Inventories consist of telecommunications related equipment. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

Property and Equipment

Telecommunication plant in service is stated at original cost and includes materials, labor, transportation and certain indirect items such as engineering, supervision and employee benefits. Additions to and replacements and renewals of property determined to be units of property are generally charged to telecommunication plant accounts.

For the Company's regulated and non-regulated operations, composite group depreciation methodology is followed; accordingly, depreciation is provided using a composite straight-line method based on the estimated lives of the various classes of depreciable property. Composite depreciation rates, as applied to the average cost of depreciable property, were approximately in 2011. Retirements of regulated telecommunication plant are generally charged in total to the accumulated depreciation account, together with the cost of removal less salvage. A gain or loss is recognized at the time of retirement or disposal of non-regulated property and equipment.

The Company charges maintenance and repairs, including the cost of renewals of minor items of property, to the plant-specific operations expense accounts.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2011

Long-lived Asset Impairment

The Company evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value of long-lived assets whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If a long-lived asset is tested for recoverability and the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, the asset cost is adjusted to fair value and an impairment loss is recognized as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

No asset impairment was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Income Taxes

The stockholders of the various corporations have elected to have the Companies income taxed as an "S" Corporation under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar section of the state income tax laws. Therefore, taxable income or loss is reported to the individual stockholders for inclusion in their respective tax returns and no provision for federal and state income taxes is included in these statements.

With a few exceptions, the Companies are no longer subject to U.S. Federal, state and local or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2008.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned. Revenue sources for the Companies are comprised of network access service revenues, local and long-distance phone services and internet access.

Telephone's network access and long distance service revenues are derived from charges for access to the Company's local exchange network. The interstate portion of access revenues is based on a cost separation procedure settlement formula administered by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) which is regulated by the FCC. The intrastate portion of access revenues is billed on individual company tariff access charge structure based on expense and plant investment of the Company as approved by the state regulatory authority. The tariffs developed from these formulas are used to charge the connecting carrier and recognize revenues in the period the traffic is transported based on the minutes of traffic carried. Long distance revenues are recognized at the time a call is placed based on the minutes of traffic processed at contracted rates.

Reported network access revenues are estimates subject to settlement adjustments in the near term resulting from changes in expense and plant investment levels and rate of return experience.

Taxes Collected From Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are presented in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations on a net basis.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2011

Note 2: Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

Telecommunication receivables NECA, USF and other receivables Provision for doubtful accounts



Note 3: Property and Equipment

Telecommunication plant in service
Telecommunication plant under construction
Non-regulated property and equipment

Less accumulated depreciation



Note 4: Multi-Employer Pension Plan

The Company contributed approximately to a multi-employer plan held with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association. The plan provides defined benefits to substantially all Company workers.

Note 5: Related Party Transactions

The Company has accounts payable due to Smithville Communications, Inc. (Communications), a privately owned telephone exchange carrier. Communications is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc.; thus, related through common ownership. The outstanding balance is unsecured, not expected to be repaid within the next year and consists of expenditures and advances paid by Communications on behalf of the Company.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2011

Note 6: Significant Estimates and Concentrations

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

General Litigation

The Company is subject to claims and lawsuits that arise primarily in the ordinary course of business. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations are recorded when it is probable that obligations have been incurred and the amounts can be reasonably estimated. No such liabilities were accrued at December 31, 2011. Based on existing conditions, the Company believes that such costs, if any, would not have a material adverse effect on its financial position or the annual results of its operations.

Current Economic Conditions

The current protracted economic decline continues to present public utilities and their allied business interests with difficult circumstances and challenges, which in some cases have resulted in large and unanticipated declines in the fair value of assets, declines in the volume of business, constraints on liquidity and difficulty obtaining financing. The financial statements have been prepared using values and information currently available to the Company.

Current economic and financial market conditions could adversely affect our results of operations in future periods. The current instability in the financial markets may make it difficult for certain of our customers to obtain financing, which may significantly impact the volume of future sales which could have an adverse impact on the Company's future operating results.

In addition, given the volatility of current economic conditions, the values of assets and liabilities recorded in the financial statements could change rapidly, resulting in material future adjustments in allowances for accounts receivable, net realizable value of inventory that could negatively impact the Company's ability to maintain sufficient liquidity.

Note 7: Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the independent accountants' report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Independent Accountants' Review Report and Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2012

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Independent Accountants' Review Report

Board of Directors Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Ellettsville, Indiana

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Rice Belt Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc., as of December 31, 2012 and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, and we did not become aware of any material modifications that should be made to such information.

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Bloomington, Indiana April 18, 2013





Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31, 2012

Assets

Cash Accounts receivable Inventory

Current Assets

Prepaid and other assets

Total current assets

Property and Equipment

\$

Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable
Accrued expenses and other liabilities
Total current liabilities

\$

Accounts Payable - Related Party

Stockholder's Equity

Common stock, \$10 par value, authorized, issued and outstanding 1,000 shares
Additional paid-in capital
Retained earnings
Total stockholder's equity



Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Income Year Ended December 31, 2012

Operating Revenues	
Network access service	\$
Local network service	
Internet service	
Operating Expenses	
Operating Income	
Other Non-Regulated Income	
Net Income	

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Stockholder's Equity Year Ended December 31, 2012

	ommon Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Total Equity	
Balance, January 1, 2012	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Net income	 -				
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$	\$	\$	\$	

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2012

	2012
Operating Activities	
Net income	\$
Items not requiring cash	•
Depreciation	
Provision for doubtful accounts	
Limited partnership interest	
Changes in	
Accounts receivable	
Inventory	
Prepaid and other assets	
Accounts payable	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	
Net cash provided by operating activities	
Investing Activities	
Additions to property and equipment	
Repayment of related party balances	
Net cash used in investing activities	
Decrease in Cash	
Cash, Beginning of Year	
Cash, End of Year	\$

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2012

Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. (the Company), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc., is a privately owned holding company that is headquartered in Ellettsville, Indiana. The Company's service area is primarily in southeastern Arkansas. The Company also manages its investments in the following wholly-owned subsidiaries:

Rice Belt Telephone, Inc. (Telephone) is a regulated telephone exchange carrier which earns revenues predominately from local phone, access, intraLATA toll, directory, DSL and other telephone related services.

Rice Belt Communications, Inc. (Communications) is a non-regulated company that provides broadband services utilizing Ethernet technology.

Rice Belt Properties, Inc. (Properties) is a non-regulated company that holds and manages investment and operating real estate.

Rice Belt Cellular, Inc. (Cellular) is an inactive non-regulated company.

Significant Accounting Policies

Telephone follows the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), which conform in all material respects to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The non-regulated companies' significant accounting policies conform, in all material respects, to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Telephone, Communications, Properties and Cellular. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2012

Cash

Pursuant to legislation enacted in 2010, the FDIC fully insured all noninterest-bearing transaction accounts beginning December 31, 2010, through December 31, 2012, at all FDIC-insured institutions. This legislation expired on December 31, 2012. Beginning January 1, 2013, noninterest-bearing transaction accounts are subject to the limit on FDIC insurance per covered institution.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. If a customer account exceeds 30 days outstanding, a notice of past due status is delivered to the customer. If amount is not paid within 8 days of the notice, service is terminated and the customer can only be reactivated if they pay the outstanding balance plus a service fee. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due upon receipt of an invoice. Accounts that are unpaid after the due date incur a late fee. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the customer.

Inventory Pricing

Inventories consist of telecommunications related equipment. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the weighted-average cost method.

Property and Equipment

Telecommunication plant in service is stated at original cost and includes materials, labor, transportation and certain indirect items such as engineering, supervision and employee benefits. Additions, replacements and renewals determined to be units of property are generally charged to telecommunication plant accounts.

For the Company's regulated and non-regulated operations, composite group depreciation methodology is followed; accordingly, depreciation is provided using a composite straight-line method based on the estimated lives of the various classes of depreciable property. Composite depreciation rates, as applied to the average cost of depreciable property, were approximately in 2012. Retirements of regulated telecommunication plant are generally charged in total to the accumulated depreciation account, together with the cost of removal less salvage. A gain or loss is recognized at the time of retirement or disposal of non-regulated property and equipment.

The Company charges maintenance and repairs, including the cost of renewals of minor items of property, to the plant-specific operations expense accounts.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2012

Long-lived Asset Impairment

The Company evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value of long-lived assets whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If a long-lived asset is tested for recoverability and the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, the asset cost is adjusted to fair value and an impairment loss is recognized as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

No asset impairment was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2012.

Income Taxes

The stockholders of the various corporations have elected to have the Companies income taxed as an "S" Corporation under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar section of the state income tax laws. Therefore, taxable income or loss is reported to the individual stockholders for inclusion in their respective tax returns and no provision for federal and state income taxes is included in these statements.

With a few exceptions, the Companies are no longer subject to U.S. Federal, state and local or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2009.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned. Revenue sources for the Companies are comprised of network access service, local and long-distance phone services and internet service.

Telephone's network access and long distance service revenues are derived from charges for access to the Company's local exchange network. The interstate portion of access revenues is based on a cost separation procedure settlement formula administered by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) which is regulated by the FCC. The intrastate portion of access revenues is billed on individual company tariff access charge structure based on expense and plant investment of the Company as approved by the state regulatory authority. The tariffs developed from these formulas are used to charge the connecting carrier and recognize revenues in the period the traffic is transported based on the minutes of traffic carried. Long distance revenues are recognized at the time a call is placed based on the minutes of traffic processed at contracted rates.

Reported network access revenues are estimates subject to settlement adjustments in the near term resulting from changes in expense and plant investment levels and rate of return experience.

Taxes Collected From Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are presented in the accompanying consolidated statement of income on a net basis.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2012

Note 2: Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

Telecommunication receivables NECA, USF and other receivables Provision for doubtful accounts



Note 3: Property and Equipment

Telecommunication plant in service Telecommunication plant under construction Non-regulated property and equipment

Less accumulated depreciation



Note 4: Multiple Employer Pension Plan

The National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) is a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Section 413 and tax-exempt under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a multiple employer plan under the accounting standards. The plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number is 52-0741336 and the Plan Number is 333.

A unique characteristic of a multiple employer plan compared to a single employer plan, is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.

The Company's contributions to the plan in 2012 represented less than the best fit the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. The Company made contributions to the plan of approximately in 2012.

Because the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 do not apply to the NTCA Plan, funding improvement plans and surcharges are not applicable. Future contribution requirements are determined each year as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan and may change as a result of plan experience.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2012

Note 5: Related Party Transactions

The Company has accounts payable due to Smithville Communications, Inc. (Smithville), a privately owned telephone exchange carrier. Smithville is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc.; thus, the Company is related to Smithville through common ownership. The outstanding balance is unsecured, is not expected to be repaid within the next year and consists of expenditures and advances paid by Smithville on behalf of the Company.

Note 6: Significant Estimates and Concentrations

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

General Litigation

The Company is subject to claims and lawsuits that arise primarily in the ordinary course of business. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations are recorded when it is probable that obligations have been incurred and the amounts can be reasonably estimated. No such liabilities were accrued at December 31, 2012. Based on existing conditions, the Company believes that such costs, if any, would not have a material adverse effect on its financial position or the annual results of its operations.

Note 7: Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the Independent Accountants' Review Report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplementary Information

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidating Schedule – Balance Sheet Information December 31, 2012

	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.	Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.	Rice Belt Communications, Inc.	Rice Belt Properties, Inc.	
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	\$ -	\$	\$	\$	
Accounts receivable	-				
Accounts receivable - related party	-		-	•	
Inventory	-		•	-	
Prepaid and other assets					
Total current assets					
Property and Equipment, net					
Other Assets					
Investment in subsidiaries					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ -	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities Total current liabilities			-		
Accounts Payable - Related Party					
Stockholder's Equity (Deficit)					
Common stock					
Additional paid-in capital					
Retained earnings (deficit)					
Total stockholder's equity (deficit)					
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Eliminating Entries	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated
\$ -	s
\$	\$
\$	\$
\$	\$

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidating Schedule – Statement of Income Information Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.	Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.	Rice Belt Communications, Inc.	Rice Belt Properties, Inc.
Operating Revenues Network access service Local network service Internet service	\$ - - - -	* 3	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Expenses	<u> </u>			
Operating Income (Loss)				
Other Income (Expense) Income from subsidiaries Other Other non-regulated	:			
Net Income (Loss)				
Equity (Deficit), Beginning of Year				
Equity (Deficit), End of Year	\$	\$	\$	\$

Eliminating Entries	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated			
\$	*			
\$	\$ (33)			

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidating Schedule – Statement of Stockholder's Equity Information Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.	Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.	Rice Belt Rice Bel Communications, Properties Inc. Inc.		Eliminating Entries	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated
Stockholder's Equity - January 1, 2011	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net Income (Loss)						
Stockholder Equity - December 31, 2012	\$	<u>\$</u>	\$	<u>\$</u>	\$	\$

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Consolidating Schedule – Statement of Cash Flows Information Year Ended December 31, 2012

Occupation Authorities	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.		Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.		Rice Belt Communications, Inc.		Rice Belt Properties, Inc.	
Operating Activities Net income loss	•		•				_	
	\$		\$		\$		\$	
Items not requiring (providing) cash								
Depreciation		-				-		-
Provision for doubtful accounts						-		-
Income from subsidiares						-		-
Limited partnership interest		-				-		-
Changes in								
Accounts receivable		-				-		-
Inventory		-				-		-
Prepaid and other assets		-				-		-
Accounts payable		-				-		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		<u>-</u>				-		-
Net cash provided by operating activities		-						
Investing Activities								
Additions to property and equipment		_				_		_
Advances (repayment) of related party balances								
Net cash used in investing activities		-			•			
C				·				
Increase (Decrease) in Cash		-				-		
Cash, Beginning of Year								-
Cash, End of Year	\$		\$		\$		\$	

